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HEADQUARTERS 1282 SOSU RECEPTION CENTER
CAMP UPTON, NEW YORK

SPECIAL ORDERS)

February 18, 1943

NUMBER 49)

EXTRACT

* * *

16. EM trfd in gr effective February 19, 1943 to orgn indicated. Auth:
Ltr WD TAGO * * * * * dated February 16, 1943

HQ AND HQ DET * * * * *

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

NAME	A.S.N.	GR	CO	SPEC	S	L	CP	R	ARM/
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✓ Tofte, Hans V 32801604 Pvt 5th 521 7 1

EM will rot with Gen Mess to incld supper Will depart at 1300
February 19, 1943. The Gen Mess C will furn 1 box lunch for 1 EM
TDM FD 51 P 451-02 A 0425-23

* * *

By order of Major WEAVER:

T. C. RATHKE
1st Lt Inf
Asst Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

/s/ T. C. RATHKE
T. C. RATHKE
1st Lt Inf
Asst Adjutant

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

T. C. Rathke
T. C. RATHKE
1st Lt Inf
Asst Adjutant

1-20-43

Asgn to Dr Baker

Special Training

Entered on cards

Entered on H+R book

FILE UNDER NO. *Suspense File*

INDEX SHEET

SYNOPSIS

February 12/43

Subject: MDS Investigation

TO: Chief, MDS

Act: Major Calvert, Rm 2D -655, Pentagon Bldg Arlington, Va.

Mr. Hans Tofte

DOCUMENT FILED UNDER NO.

*201. Mr. Hans Tofte
filed in back of 210.1*

201 - Tofte, Hans (Encl.)

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 (W-AWOL) (AS-Absent Sick) (F-Furlough) (C-Confinement) (R-Relieved fr duty)

Asgd per par 16 SO 49 HQ 1222 SCSU Reception Cen Feb 18, 1943.
 Cp Option, N.I.

Date of Rank Asgd or atchd to: Hq S. Training Component SS
1943-A

Inducted or enlisted or entered on A/D _____ Asgd & jd: Feb 20/43 (OVER)
 1943

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REMARKS:

Trfd fr 1222 SCSU Reception Center, Cp Uption
N.Y. per Par 16, SO # 49 Hq Cp Uption, N.Y.,
dated Feb 18/43. Reported for duty Feb 20/43.
Aptd Sgt fr Pft per Par 2 SO 75 Hq Hq Det
OSS Apr 1/43.
Hon disch C of G Sec X AR 615-360 & Ltr AG
201-Tofte, Hans Vilhelm (15 Jun 43)PR-D
dated June 15/43. Discharged June 14/43.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF PAY

(See AR 35-5520)

Tofte Hans V. 32801604 Pvt.-Rec. Co. 5 1222d SGSU R.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number) (Grade) (Company, regiment, or arm or service)
The ~~officer~~ enlisted man named above hereby authorizes a Class N - Natl Service Life Ins.
(Type of allotment)
allotment of his pay in the amount of \$ 7.30 per month for Indefinite months commencing
February, 1943, and expiring Indefinite, 1943
(Two) premiums deducted from pay for month of February, 1943
(Applicable to Class N insurance only (sec. IV, Cir. No. 100, W. D., 1942))
to Veterans Administration Washington D. C.
(Name of allottee) (Number and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)
or to _____
(Name of alternate allottee) (Number and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State)
Date of enlistment Feb. 11, 1943 When other than "Finance Service, Army" is affected,
state allotment chargeable _____ Relationship of allottee _____
(Applicable to individual allottees only)
If allotment is in favor of a bank, the following is required to be stated: Deposit should be made to the credit of—

(Name)

(Relationship)

(Statement below not applicable to Government insurance)

I hereby state that the purpose for which this allotment is granted is solely for the support of wife, child, or dependent relatives; or if made for the payment of life insurance premiums, the insurance (including endowments and/or twenty (or other) payment policies) is on the life of the allottee only; that the insurance constitutes the major and not a merely incidental or collateral element of the transaction; and that the allotment is made in favor of the insurance company issuing the policy and not in favor of a bank or other agent.

Place 1222d SGSU R.C., Cp Upton, N.Y.

X Hans Wilhelm Tofte
(Signature of allotter)

Entered on service record This Date
(Date)

February 12, 1943
(Date)

*Strike out words not applicable.

W. J. Flood
W. O. (ig) AUS
(Signature of commanding officer or personnel officer, with grade and organization)

WHEN APPLICABLE TO CLASS D OR CLASS N INSURANCE, THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS FORM WILL BE SENT TO THE EXAMINATION DIVISION, BUILDING X, 19TH AND B STREETS NE., WASHINGTON, D. C. NO COPIES WILL BE SENT TO THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D. C., WITH THE APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE.

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 29
November 4, 1942

16-0421-2 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

When applicable to Class E allotments, send original direct to the
Disbursing Officer, Office of Dependency Benefits,
213 Washington Street, Newark, N. J.

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ALIEN'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND STATEMENT

Order No. 904A

Date of mailing SEP 17 1942

32801604

Local Board No. 32	23
660 Madison Avenue	061
New York, New York	032

(LOCAL BOARD STAMP WITH CODE)

Name: Hans Vilhelm Tofte
(First) (Middle) (Last)
Address: 4 East 74th Street 923 FIFTH AVENUE
New York (Number and street or rural route) N.Y.
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (County) (State)

NOTICE TO ALIEN

You are required by the Selective Service Regulations to complete this Alien's Personal History and Statement truthfully and to return it to this local board on or before the date shown below. Willful failure to do so is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

THIS ALIEN'S PERSONAL HISTORY AND STATEMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO LOCAL BOARD ON

OR BEFORE SEP 28 1942

[Signature]
Member or Clerk of Local Board.

(The above items will be filled in by the local board)

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is used for two purposes:

- (1) It is to be completed by an alien who files an Alien's Application for Determination of Residence (Form 302). It must be filed with the first such application.
- (2) It is to be completed by every alien classified by the local board in Class I-A, Class I-A-O, Class I-B, or Class I-B-O. Each such alien is required to complete this form and return it to the local board whose address is stamped above on or before the date shown above.

The oath required by this Alien's Personal History and Statement may be administered by any civil officer authorized to administer oaths generally, any commissioned officer of the land or naval forces assigned for duty with the Selective Service System, any member or clerk of a local board or board of appeal, any government appeal agent or associate government appeal agent, any member or associate member of an advisory board for registrants, any postmaster, acting postmaster, or assistant postmaster.

Advisory boards for registrants will assist aliens in completing their Alien's Personal History and Statement. No charge will be made for this service. Information as to the location of a member of the advisory board for registrants who will assist in completing this form may be obtained from the local board office. If there is no advisory board member available, you must nevertheless complete your Alien's Personal History and Statement.

1. Make no alterations in the printed matter in this Alien's Personal History and Statement.

2. All spaces in this Alien's Personal History and Statement must be filled in with the proper words. Where ☐ appears, an X should be put in the proper ☐.

3. If you furnish additional information or affidavits with your Alien's Personal History and Statement, attach the same securely to it.

4. After this Alien's Personal History and Statement has been returned, report to your local board at once any change of address or any new fact which may affect your status.

USE INK OR TYPEWRITER IN FILLING OUT THIS FORM

(Do not write in the space below—To be completed by Corps Area Commander (or representative of the Navy or Marine Corps).)

ENDORSEMENT BY ARMED FORCES

The person named in Item 1 of this Alien's Personal History and Statement is not, if otherwise qualified, acceptable for training and service in the ARMY
(Branch of service)

Signature *[Signature]*

(Rank)

(Organization)

is
HEADQUARTERS SECOND SERVICE COMMAND
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
Governors Island, N. Y.

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Section I.—IDENTIFICATION

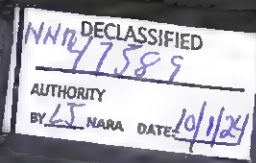
1. My name is (print) Hans Vilhelm Tofte
(First) (Middle) (Last)
2. My alien registration number is 7608736
3. I entered the United States under the name of Hans Vilhelm Tofte
4. In addition to the name(s) given above, I have also been known by the name(s) of (include professional names, nicknames, and aliases) none
5. The address where I am now living is 923 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y.
(If none, write "None")
(Number and street or rural route)
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (County) (State)
6. I have resided at the following places in the United States:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <u>New York City, N.Y.</u>
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (State) | From <u>June 1941</u>
(Month) (Year) | to <u>August 1941</u>
(Month) (Year) |
| <u>New York City, N.Y.</u>
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (State) | From <u>June 1942</u>
(Month) (Year) | to <u>present</u>
(Month) (Year) |
| | From | to |
7. During the last 5 years I have lived at the following places:
- (China and Denmark) East Asiatic Co. Ltd., DAIREN South Manchuria
100 Suborgvej, Copenhagen, Denmark
4 E. 74th Str. New York City. - 923 Fifth Ave. New York City.
8. I was born in (or near) Copenhagen Denmark
(Town—[City, town, or village]) (State or Province—Country)
9. I was born on April 4th 1911
(Month) (Day) (Year)
10. I am: ☐ single, ☐ widower, ☐ divorced, ☒ married. I do not live with my wife; if not, her address is Copenhagen, Denmark
(do, do not)
11. My race is: ☒ White, ☐ Negro, ☐ American Indian, ☐ Filipino, ☐ Chinese, ☐ Japanese, ☐ other (specify) _____
12. I am 5 10 1/2 in. tall, weigh 150 lb., have blond hair and blue eyes.
(color) (color)

Section II.—CITIZENSHIP

13. I am a citizen of Denmark and subject of Denmark
(Country) (Country)
14. I have filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (first papers). Declaration filed (have, have not) at New York, N.Y. on August 1941 under No. 2-921465
(Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)
15. I have not filed a petition for naturalization (second papers). Petition filed at _____ (have, have not) (Place)
on _____ (Month) (Day) (Year)
16. I have not had any petition for naturalization denied. It was denied on _____ (have, have not) (Date)
at _____ by _____ (City) (State) (Court)

Section III.—ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

17. I last arrived in the United States at Miami, Fla. on May 19th 1942
(Port or place of entry) (Date)
18. On this (last) trip, I came as a: ☒ Passenger, ☐ crew member, ☐ stowaway, ☐ other (specify) _____
19. On this (last) trip, I came in by Aircraft of U.S. Army Ferry Command
(Name of vessel, Steamship Company, or other means)
20. On this (last) trip, I entered the United States as:
☐ A permanent resident, ☐ a visitor, ☐ a student, ☐ a treaty merchant, ☐ a seaman, ☒ an official or employee of a foreign government, ☐ an employee of a foreign government official, ☐ other (specify) _____



21. I first arrived in the United States on June 3rd 1941
(Month) (Day) (Year)
22. I have been in the following countries during the time and for the purpose indicated (list all countries, including your native land):
FROM—(Date) To—(Date) Country Purpose
August 1941 May 1942 Australia/China/Malaya/ Official business for
Burma/India - transit via The British Government.
Africa & Brazil to USA.
23. ☒ I expect to remain in the United States permanently.
☐ I do not expect to remain in the United States permanently, but for a period of _____ years and _____ months for the purpose of _____
(Number) (Number)
(State purpose in detail; if necessary, attach statement)
24. Have you ever been deported from the United States, or are deportation proceedings now pending against you? no
If so, state all facts none

Section IV.—EDUCATION

25. I have received the following education:

School	Location (town and country)	Years attended	Degree
<u>Stenhus Kostskole</u> <u>(Public School)</u>	<u>Holbaek, Denmark</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>B.A.</u>

Section V.—OCCUPATION OR ACTIVITY

26. Work status: ☒ I now have a job, ☐ I do not have a job, ☐ I am now a full-time student.
27. My present job (if any) is Executive in American Madsen Corp. (Arms Production)
(Give full title)
(For example: Construction draftsman, automatic turret-lathe operator, dairy farmhand, stationary engineer, shipping clerk, or retail clothing salesman.)
28. My present employer is American Madsen Corporation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York
City, N.Y.
(Name of employer—Street or rural route, city, and State or Country)
whose business is Arms Production
(For example: Dairy farm, furniture factory, construction project)
29. My usual occupation is Executive, Shipping and Trade
30. During the past 5 years, I have been employed as follows: (If unemployed, write "None")
- | Employer | Employer's Address | Years Worked | Occupation |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | From— To— | |
| <u>East Asiatic Co.Ltd.</u> | <u>Copenhagen, Denmark</u> | <u>(19.29)</u> <u>19.37</u> | <u>Executive in China</u> |
| <u>Director A.Rand</u> | <u>Copenhagen, Denmark</u> | <u>19.37</u> <u>19.40</u> | <u>Private Secretary</u> |
| <u>American Madsen Corp.</u> | <u>New York City, N.Y.</u> | <u>19.41</u> <u>19. -</u> | <u>Executive</u> |

Section VI.—MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE

31. My military ~~naval~~ service has been as follows: (If none, write "None")
Country Great Britain (Far East Div) Branch of service Special Ref: John Keswick
August 1941 to June 1942 Rank Major British Embassy
(Date) (Date) WASHINGTON, D.C.

32. I have the following living relatives who are in or have been in the armed forces of the countries named:

Name	Relationship	Country	From—	To—	Rank	Service
<u>NONE</u>			<u>19. -</u>	<u>19. -</u>		
			<u>19. -</u>	<u>19. -</u>		
			<u>19. -</u>	<u>19. -</u>		

33. The following persons now deceased who were related to me served in the armed forces of the countries named: (Cover period of last 30 years only)

Name	Relationship	Country	From—	To—	Rank	Service
<u>NONE</u>			<u>19. -</u>	<u>19. -</u>		
			<u>19. -</u>	<u>19. -</u>		

Section VII.—RELATIVES

34.	Relationship Name	Place of birth	Present address (If not living, enter "Not living")	Occupation (If none, enter "None")
✓	Father L. Tofte (LUDVIG)	Denmark	Denmark	None
✓	Mother U. Tofte (ULLA)	Denmark	not living	None
	Wife Iris Elisabeth Rand (Maiden name)	Denmark	Denmark	None
	Children: Finn Tofte	Denmark	Denmark	None
	Brothers and sisters: Per Tofte	Denmark	Denmark	unknown

Section VIII.—COURT RECORD

35. I have not been arrested or indicted for, or convicted of any offense, or offenses. (Do not include minor traffic violations.)
(have, have not)
These offenses are:

Nature of offense	Date of arrest	Place of arrest	Disposition or sentence
none			

Section IX.—ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

36. I am or have been, within the past 10 years, a member of, or active in the following clubs, organizations, or societies (if none, write "None"):
NONE

37. Within the past 10 years, I have not been affiliated with or active in (a member of, a worker for) the following organizations, devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a government, other than that of the United States: (If none, write "None") None

Section X.—POLITICAL BELIEFS

38. Do you understand the principles of Government of the United States? Yes

39. Do you fully believe in the form of Government of the United States? Yes

40. Are you a believer in anarchy, or the unlawful damage, injury, or destruction of property, or sabotage? No Do you belong to or are you associated with any organization which teaches or advocates anarchy or the overthrow of existing Government in this country? No

Section XI.—STATEMENT OF ALIEN

41. I do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States.
(do, do not)

You are informed that if you are an enemy alien or subject of a country allied with the enemy, you will not ordinarily be acceptable for service in the land or naval forces of the United States if you indicate in Item 41 above that you object to such service. If you are a citizen or subject of any other country, you may indicate in Item 41 whether you do or do not object to service in the land or naval forces of the United States but such objection may be disregarded. If you are a citizen or subject of a neutral country, and you do not wish to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, you may apply to your local board for Application by Alien for Relief from Military Service (Form 301) which, when executed by you and filed with the local board, will relieve you from the obligation to serve in the land or naval forces of the United States, but will also debar you from thereafter becoming a citizen of the United States.

Section XII.—STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE OF ALIEN

42. I, Hans Vilhelm Tofte, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the person named in Item 1 of this statement, that I have read (or have had read to me) every item and every answer or statement made herein, and that each and every such answer and statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of September, 1942

Hilda Formica
(Signature of officer administering oath)

Hans Tofte
(Signature)

Clerk, L.B. 32
(Official position)

Instruction.—If the alien is unable to read the foregoing statement in English, the following certificate will be completed and signed by a qualified interpreter:

I CERTIFY that the above alien stated to me that he could speak and understand the _____ language, that I correctly translated the above statements into that language in his hearing and correctly translated his answers from that language into English and wrote them in the appropriate blank spaces, and that I correctly translated the oath into his language, above stated.

(Signature of interpreter)

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MEMORANDUM OF DESIGNATION OR CHANGE OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE CARD

☐ OFFICER ☐ ARMY NURSE ☐ WARRANT OFFICER ☒ ENLISTED MAN

(SERIAL NO.)

TOFTED HANS V (CHECK ONE)

32801604

Hans Vilhelm Tofted

(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL) (GRADE) (ORGANIZATION)
COMPONENT (CHECK ONE) ☐ 1 (REGULAR ARMY) ☐ 3 (OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS) ☐ 3 (ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS) ☐ 2 (REGULAR ARMY RESERVE) ☐ 4 (NATIONAL GUARD) ☐ 6 (A. U. S.) ☒ 7 (SELECTIVE SERVICE)
RACE (CHECK ONE) ☒ 1 (WHITE) ☐ 2 (COLORED) ☐ 3 (CHINESE) ☐ 4 (JAPANESE) ☐ 5 (HAWAIIAN) ☐ 6 (AMERICAN INDIAN) ☐ 7 (FILIPINO) ☐ 8 (PUERTO RICAN) ☐ 9 (OTHER)

PERMANENT OR LEGAL ADDRESS:

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PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

MR Henri De Kauffman

Friend

ADDRESS OF PERSON
TO BE NOTIFIED:

c/o Royal Danish Legation 2343 Mass. Avenue

Washington

District of Columbia

VERIFIED BY:

DATE

SERIAL NO

NAME

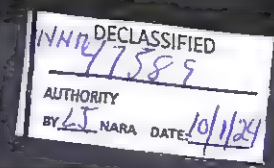
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 4. [Faint text]
 5. Prior to [Faint text]
 6. [Faint text]
- States will [Faint text]



Tofte, Hans V. 32801604				Date of Enl. or Ind.		Yrs.	Comp.	Rank	Area
				Feb 11/43		0	SS	SGT	Hq
C1 F	C1 A Pay-Res	C1 N	C1 E	Rations	Quarters	Address			
		7.30							
Remarks FEB 43 PAID MAR 43 PAID Aptd Sgt fr Pvt Apr 1/43 Par 2 SO 75 Hq & Hq Det, OSS, Wash DC Apr 1/43. APR 43 PAID May-Due US GPLD M/R \$3.12. MAY 43 PAID June- Due US GPLD M/R \$2.00 \$9.38 C1 N alot for \$7.30 per mo fr Feb/43 to ETS discount'd eff May 31/43.									

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(Rev. 3/21/45)

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SUBJECT MUST NOT SEE THIS FORM

28 January 1946

Date

SUBJECT: Release of Personnel

TO : Chief, Personnel Procurement Branch

FROM : Chief SI Branch, by _____

NAME HANS V. TOFTE SERIAL NUMBER 0-525313 GRADE Major

PHYSICAL LOCATION Washington, D.C. OVERSEAS RETURNEE No

1. Request that subject presently assigned to this branch be transferred to PPB on 29 January 1946.
Date

2. Assignment in this branch consisted of duties such as Head,
Central Europe-Scandinavia Section, SI, Washington, D. C.

_____ which were performed in a superior manner.

3. Reasons for release: eligible for discharge

4. Reassignment in OSS ~~(is)~~ (is not) recommended because subject
officer is eligible for discharge.

5. Subject was informed of release by S. B. L. Penrose, Jr.
on 28 January 1946.
Date

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SEPARATION PROCESS
(Please Type or Print)

Date Interviewed 30 Jan 46 OSS Branch 51 Put in Pool YES

Name of Interviewer Hugh

Name Hans T. Coite Rank Maj ASN 0525513
(First) (Init) (Last)

Date of Birth 4 Apr 1911 Yrs. Service AUS Source of Comm. Hilton Auth. to live in Town NO

Present Address _____ Phone _____

Home Address New York City Phone _____

Length of Service Overseas 50 Months Service _____

No. of Points 110 Desires to remain in Army _____

Duty performed with OSS _____

FOR ACTION: MOS _____
Changed to _____

Recommendation: Trf. To _____ Br. Control # _____
Trf. To Naval Command _____

COMMENTS: Separation - sent to Hilton

FINAL ACTION: Return to Army _____ For Rotation and Reassignment _____
For Reassignment _____ Discharge on Age _____
Discharge on Pts. _____ Discharge (Other) _____

FILE REFERRED TO: Hilton

PROCESSING: Date Processed _____
Disposition:
Trf. out to Hq. _____ Date _____
File to Returnee Sect. _____ Date _____
File to File Sect. _____ Date _____

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TOTTE, Hans V., Capt.
(Army)

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19 September 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit to Major
Hans V. Tofte.

TO: Adjutant General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

1. It is recommended that Hans V. Tofte, O-525313, Major, Army of the United States, be awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 October 1943 to 31 December 1943.

2. From 1940 to early 1941, Major Tofte (then a Danish civilian) was an active member of the underground forces in Denmark. Falling under Gestapo suspicion, he escaped through Germany and France and came to the United States. Upon his arrival in the United States, he learned that the British Government was recruiting personnel for hazardous missions. He immediately volunteered and was commissioned as a Major in the British Army. Placed in command of a guerrilla team assigned to organize and supply resistance forces in Burma and China, he worked under extremely dangerous conditions in effective operations against the enemy. He was among the last to escape from the far East when the circumstances of war compelled such action.

3. He returned to the United States, resigned from the British Army and enlisted in the United States Army as a Private.

4. In February 1943, Major Tofte (then Private, AUS) was assigned to the OSS as a senior instructor in the OSS schools. Because of his military proficiency and his wide knowledge of guerrilla warfare, the OSS recommended to the War Department that his talents and ability could be more fully utilized as a commissioned officer. Subsequently, on 15 June 1943, Major Tofte (then Sergeant) was commissioned directly as a Captain in the Army of the United States.

5. In June 1943, Major Tofte (then Captain, AUS) volunteered for an exceptionally difficult and dangerous mission, the purpose of which was the destruction of the Italian oil industry in Albania. He was placed in command of a unit and departed for the Middle East on 25 August 1943. The sudden collapse of Italy on 8 September 1943, the day after he arrived in Cairo, cancelled the Albanian mission.

6. Although the foregoing is not directly related to this recommendation, the facts have been presented for the sake of chronological clarity.

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7. While awaiting further orders in Cairo, Major Tofte and two other American officers conceived the plan of establishing a sea supply line to Marshal Tito's Partisan forces in Yugoslavia. For many months prior to September, 1943, the Office of Strategic Services and the corresponding British agency had been dispatching personnel and supplies into the Balkans by air. This method was not altogether satisfactory since the flights were always uncertain, subject to weather conditions and visibility, and, too, the amount of supplies that could be dropped by parachute was not nearly adequate to meet the ever increasing needs of the Partisans who required constant reinforcement of their arms, ammunition, clothing, and medical supplies.

8. A careful study was made of the development of resistance in Yugoslavia; intelligence reports were scrutinized; and channels of supplies established. While waiting for clearance to proceed to Italy, Major Tofte attended the British Parachute School at Haifa, Palestine, in the event that it would be necessary to establish contact with the Partisans in this manner.

9. It had been decided that Bari, Italy, would be the best site at which to establish the shipping operations base. On 22 October 1943, Major Tofte arrived at Bari. Because of his extensive civilian experience in shipping, he was placed in command of all OSS shipping operations. Prior to his arrival arrangements had been made for the OSS mission to take over all Yugoslav shipping available at the newly captured seaport. The fleet consisted chiefly of battered, leaking fishing schooners.

10. Under the direction of Major Tofte, the battered remnants of the Yugoslav fleet, numbering 44 ships of all descriptions, were made ready for sea. The cargoes were carefully loaded to prevent capsizing and the ships camouflaged.

11. All of this preliminary work was completed in an amazingly short space of time. So efficiently was it accomplished, however, that in more than sixty voyages through enemy waters not one cargo was lost. This fact is quite remarkable since the unseaworthy fleet sailed in seas which the Royal Navy would not risk.

12. In spite of increasing enemy activity during the months of November and December, shipments approximating 6500 tons of vital supplies were made from Bari to Yugoslavia. In addition, thousands of gallons of diesel oil, kerosene, gasoline, and lubricating oil were delivered thus causing a large fleet of inter-island tonnage to be activated along the Dalmatian coast.

13. A brigade of more than 2,000 troops, recruited among Yugoslavs in internment camps in Italy, was transported across the Adriatic to join the fighting Partisans. Many thousands of refugees were evacuated to Italy and over 800 wounded Partisans were sailed from Yugoslavia to Italy for hospitalization.

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14. All of the above was accomplished by 600 Partisans under the direct supervision of Major Tofte. He had no naval personnel to assist him despite the fact that his task encompassed the repair and maintenance of the fleet; plotting courses through friendly and enemy minefields; loading of cargoes (which is an exact science in itself); and integrating the movements of his ships with the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, and the American Air Force.

15. Due to the fact that he had only one junior American officer assisting him, (which officer was very rarely at the base due to the necessity for frequent reconnaissance trips along the Yugoslav coast) Major Tofte was forced to assume all administrative duties which involved the housing and feeding of the 600 Partisans; procurement of all supplies and equipment for use at the base, and all supplies to be shipped to the Balkans as well as the coordination of all shipping activities with the American, British and Yugoslav authorities.

16. In addition to the achievements outlined above, Major Tofte was largely instrumental in establishing and maintaining naval bases in the Dalmatian Islands from which British torpedo boats and PT boats could patrol the clandestine supply line to Yugoslavia, thus keeping Partisan losses to a minimum.

17. When the enemy initiated a drive to destroy the shipping operation in November 1943, Major Tofte personally reconnoitered the Yugoslav coast from Split to Dubrovnik; determined Partisan needs to hold off the German attack and set up new routes for evading the enemy. An immediate shipment of 500 tons of arms was required to stave off the enemy's attack. The only ship available that would carry such a large cargo was the S.S. Galeb, a Yugoslav tramp steamer which had a top speed of only 3-1/2 knots. The fact that the entire trip was through enemy patrolled waters made the low speed of the vessel a very dangerous factor. For this reason, Major Tofte determined to take the vessel across the Adriatic to Yugoslavia himself. The trip was a hazardous one, fraught with many vicissitudes. Despite heavy storms which rendered the ship almost helpless and repeated dive bombing and strafing attacks by enemy aircraft, the Galeb delivered her cargo of arms plus miles of barbed wire and thousands of land mines. Due to the timely arrival of supplies, every possible landing beach at Vis Island was heavily fortified. Later interrogation of enemy prisoners established the fact that Vis was to have been the focal point of the enemy attack. Had it not been heavily fortified, the Allies would have lost their one foothold on the Balkan coast, a foothold which was later built into a strong air and naval base and was the only avenue for supplying the Partisan forces.

18. On 2 December 1943, Major Tofte distinguished himself outstandingly by courageous conduct while directing and participating in voluntary rescue work in the port of Bari throughout the night after a disastrous German bombing attack. This attack has been officially described as the most terrible and successful German bombing raid carried out at a low level during the war. Apart from heavy damage to docks and port installations, seventeen Liberty Ships and tankers were set on fire. The ships, all loaded with dangerous cargoes of 100 Octane Gasoline, bombs, ammunition and Chemical Warfare material burned fiercely for several days.

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19. Having volunteered to take part in the extremely dangerous rescue work after the bombing, Major Tofte mobilized a fleet of trucks and ambulances manned by his Partisans and, with complete disregard for his own safety, led them directly into the blazing inferno of burning and exploding ships. Working side by side with his men, he directed the evacuation of scores of wounded; assisted in hauling the dead and wounded out of the water, and had improvised first aid stations set up on the docks. All through that night, Major Tofte continued his work, inspiring his men to greater efforts by his own amazing endurance. One of the Liberty Ships which contained Chemical Warfare supplies had been sunk. Mustard gas had spread over a considerable area of the water's surface. Disregarding the danger of contamination which caused several hundred casualties during the night, Major Tofte continued his rescue work. Approximately 1,000 Allied personnel were killed during this raid and many more were wounded.

20. It is submitted that for this portion of his work alone, Major Tofte is deserving of the highest recognition.

21. The initiative, perseverance, ingenuity and personal courage displayed by Major Tofte throughout this entire assignment were an inspiration to all who worked with him. His sound judgment, imagination, and foresight in the planning stages of the operation were responsible for the successful supply of thousands of Partisan forces thus enabling them to divert strong German divisions from the Western front thereby facilitating the rapid advance of the Allied Armies.

22. This recommendation is based on my personal knowledge and observations and the records of this office.

23. The entire service of Major Tofte to the Government of the United States has been honorable.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN,
Major General, USA,
Director.

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HQ & HQ DETACHMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
(MAIN)

AFM 413
27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of
Operations, United States Army, AFM 887

1. a. It is recommended that Hans V. TOFTE,
0525313, Major, AUS, Secret Intelligence Branch,
Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA, be awarded the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

b. Major TOFTE served as Chief of the
Scandinavian Division and as Deputy Chief of the
Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelli-
gence Branch, Office of Strategic Services at the time
of the service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative:

Mrs. Marlys Tofte (wife)
415 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

d. Entered United States military service
from: New York, 10 February 1943.

e. Decorations previously awarded: None.

f. The entire service of Major Tofte has been
honorable since the rendition by him of the services upon
which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual
has not been submitted.

2. a. The officer recommending this award has
personal knowledge of the services upon which this
recommendation is based.

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2. a. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

b. This recommendation is supported by the official records of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, OSS.

3. a. Major Hans V. TOFT, while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Major Hans V. TOFT reported for duty with the Secret Intelligence Branch, Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA, on 4 August, 1944, after serving with great distinction with OSS in the Mediterranean theater. On his arrival, Major TOFT WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT to the Chief of the Scandinavian Section, SI; but, due to an accident to the head of that unit, he immediately assumed full responsibility as Chief of the section.

Major TOFT displayed a keen intelligence and a complete understanding of Scandinavian affairs while mastering the details of the varied projects initiated prior to his arrival; and his sincere appreciation of the importance of the job to be done and the labor necessary to accomplish it, his unstinting industry, and his enthusiastic interest and cooperation enabled him to carry on the work without delaying operations in the slightest.

The responsibilities which Major TOFT accepted without a previous opportunity to familiarize himself with the administrative methods and channels and the operational techniques which had been established, were exceptionally great, and added to them was the problem that any OSS mission to Scandinavia could only be established after successful completion of most detailed and delicate negotiations with the corresponding British agencies, with BR-AM, and with the American and British Army authorities concerned with the ultimate occupation or control of liberated Norway and Denmark. For some time Norway and Denmark had been considered zones for exclusively British operations and it was due primarily to Major TOFT's exceptional tact and his

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skillful handling of the necessary negotiations that the original attitude of the British on this subject was altered and the G-2 was assured their full support in its operations in this area. With unusual dispatch he had achieved, by September 1944, a successful basis for such co-operation and had made the underlying arrangements for an G-2 Detachment to be assigned to these SHAN or other U.S. Army forces handling American interests in Scandinavia.

Major TORG, after having met with such great success in his liaison work and having arrived at a working relationship with other agencies, undertook the formidable task of building up a competent staff to assist him in the highly critical operations which were envisaged. He proved himself an extremely astute judge of personalities and succeeded in bringing together a small and carefully selected group of persons, well informed on Scandinavian matters and admirably suited for the proposed missions. He fully utilized his own thorough knowledge of the Scandinavian countries; and his complete appreciation of the essential problems facing such missions greatly aided him in the training of this staff. His vision, enthusiasm, and keen sense of timing made it possible for him to anticipate the future needs of these missions as required the dispatching of specially trained personnel for the initial contacts and infiltration. Major TORG faced the difficulties involved in initiating operations in a new area and in the handling of what might have been an extremely delicate international situation, with an immediacy, intellectual and technical technique, and attention to the smallest problem which inevitably made his efforts successful, and G-2 missions were dispatched and are operating in both Norway and Denmark at the present time with the complete cooperation of both the Norwegian and Danish authorities.

When the new Division of Intelligence Procurement was organized in November 1944, to carry out the mission of evolving the plans for and directing a large scale agent penetration of Germany, the Chief of the Division required the services of a highly capable deputy having both administrative and operational experience and who would give unstintingly of his time and energies in developing and making operational the important mission of the Division. Major TORG was selected for this position not only because of his

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extensive knowledge of conditions on the continent but also because of the rare executive ability, initiative, and devotion that he had demonstrated in directing the operations of the Scandinavian Section. To this task he brought the same vision and imagination, the same rare tact and the same unusual ability to judge the potentialities of those who worked with him.

By the very nature of the task confronting this new division, successful operations depended ultimately on a core of highly skilled staff personnel who could assume a large measure of responsibility for the activities of their units. The first task which Major TOFT faced was the recruiting of persons suited for these key positions and, because of the excellent judgment and extreme care exercised in his initial selection, few changes had to be made in subsequent months. The Division, under Major TOFT's supervision, grew in size from an original nucleus of four (4) to over one hundred and twentyfive (125) persons; and the continued high efficiency of operations was excellent confirmation of the wisdom of Major TOFT's leadership and choice of Staff.

Major TOFT was given the further responsibility of maintaining full liaison with the British agencies engaged in similar operations; He had to maintain extremely close high level contact with the British at all times, for it was essential that no conflict arise concerning the areas selected for operational targets.

Largely due to Major TOFT's skillful negotiation persistence, tact, and qualities of personality and character which inspired the confidence and cooperation of the governmental representatives concerned, this liaison resulted in unusually fine cooperation and understanding between the two services.

Major TOFT also carried the final responsibility for the dispatching of all agent personnel; and, despite the burden of his other tasks, he devoted a great portion of his time, infinite care and attention to the coordination of operational schedules and the preparation of the agents. Under the constant pressure of demands resulting from the rapidly changing military activity, he continued the daily meetings of the operational staff and at all times followed the details of each operation with utmost fidelity and imagination.

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At a crucial stage in the operations of the AUF, Major FURTH personally went to Higon, France to establish an air base from which agents could be parachuted into Germany. As the Commanding Officer of this newly-acquired field base, he had the complete responsibility for its organization and administration, the developing of adequate operational schedules, and the briefing and dispatching of all agents. The efficiency and speed with which Major FURTH set up the new base and began operations was extraordinary and the unit arrived as a model for other such bases. With unusual ingenuity and perseverance, Major FURTH developed a new and special technique which made possible the dropping of two or three agent teams and their full equipment from one plane in a single night. Such an operation theretofore had been considered impractical and had never been attempted; and the success of such a scheme had greatly increased the total possible number of agent teams dispatched within the limited period.

He was further able to instill in his Air Corps colleagues a feeling of respect for and confidence in the essential soundness of AUF intelligence missions, without which the desired scale of operations could not have been maintained. Major FURTH's close contact with the agents during their training and the confidence inspired by his last-minute talks produced a fellowship and team spirit which was an invaluable asset in carrying out their hazardous work. The large volume of highly important strategic intelligence procured by these agents was the final proof of the success of Higon operations, a success which was in large part due to the rare abilities, the command skill, and the untiring efforts of Major FURTH.

4. Proposed Citation: For the DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Major Louis V. FURTH, 9257113, AUS, in recognition of his highly significant contribution to the successful operations of a special organization in Europe as a member of operations. Because of his unusual skill and the fact that he displayed in the handling of delicate situations involving subversion of other nations, by reason of his rare organizational talents, his infinite care and vision

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involving authorities of other nations, by reason of his pure organizational talents, his infinite care and vision in guiding a series of highly complex operations, his unstinting industry and his enthusiastic interest, Major [redacted] was instrumental in achieving the over-all operational efficiency maintained by that organization. His services and leadership were at all times exemplary and in accordance with the finest traditions of the service.

5. In order to support this recommendation, it has been necessary to divulge in the preceding paragraphs information classified as SECRET. However, the Proposed Citation has been made sufficiently general to permit publication of it separately with the classification restricted.

JAMES H. FENIGAN
Colonel, SSC
Commanding

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APO 413, US Army

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MESSAGE:

1. Inclosed are General Orders No. 353, this headquarters, dtd 28 Dec 1945, and citation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Maj Hans V. Tofte, AUS.

2. It is desired that this award be presented at the earliest practicable date.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

William R. Farquhar
WILLIAM R. FARQUHAR
1st Lt, FA
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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SSU, WD, Mission to Great Britain, APO 413. US Army. 28 January 1946.

TO: CO, Hq & Hq Det., OASW, SSU, WD, 2324 "F" Street, N.W. Wash. D.C.

1. Subject officer transferred to your command per L10-264 dtd 4 Oct. 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. R. Cronin
E. R. CRONIN.
1st Lt. AUS.
Adjutant.

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CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Major Hans V. Tofte, 0585313, Army of the United States, for meritorious service in connection with military operations while serving with the Office of Strategic Services, from 4 August 1944 to 8 May 1945. Because of the unusual skill and the tact which he displayed in the handling of delicate situations involving authorities of other nations, by reason of his rare organizational talents, his infinite care and vision in guiding a series of highly complex operations Major Tofte was instrumental in achieving the over-all operational efficiency maintained by that organization. Major Tofte's services and leadership were exemplary and reflect high credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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25 March 1946

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal to
Major Hans V. Tofte, AUS, O-525313

TO : Major General William G. Donovan
Donovan Leisure Newton Lumbard & Irvine
Two Wall Street
New York 5, New York

1. The inclosed medals and citations are for Major Hans V. Tofte
whom you are decorating this week.

JAYNE HOUSE
Captain, AUS
SSU Citations Officer

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- 1 - Bronze Star Medal
- 2 - Legion of Merit Medal
- 3 - Proposed Citation for BSM
- 4 - Proposed Citation for LM
- 5 - GO 353 for BSM
- 6 - GO 311 for LM

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28 Dec 1945

Legion of Merit - - - - - I
Bronze Star Medal - - - - - II

I--LEGION OF MERIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Legion of Merit is awarded, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the respective periods indicated, to:

- Colonel Jacob W. Bealke, Jr., 0305676, Infantry, United States Army -- 22 February 1945 to 8 May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel Waller E. Booth, Jr., 0887877, Infantry, United States Army -- 22 July 1944 to 31 October 1944.
- Colonel David K. E. Bruce, 0900883, General Staff Corps, United States Army -- 15 June 1944 to 15 December 1944.
- First Lieutenant Rene J. A. Guiraud, 01325565, Infantry, United States Army -- 1 June 1944 to 29 April 1945.

II--BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated, to:

- Captain Douglas W. Alden, (then First Lieutenant and Captain), 0574096, Air Corps, United States Army -- 16 March 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Boone (then Captain and Major), 0272863, Air Corps, United States Army -- 25 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.
- Captain Raymond L. Brittenham, 0524046, Army of the United States -- 9 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Major Arne W. Brogger, 0511791, Army of the United States -- 10 January 1943 to 8 May 1945.
- First Lieutenant Edward T. Dickinson, Jr., 029475, United States Marine Corps Reserve -- 7 March 1944 to 30 November 1944.
- Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth T. Downs, 0903121, Infantry, United States Army -- 21 January 1944 to 24 October 1944.
- Major Louis Luns, 0395883, Cavalry, United States Army -- December, 1944 to May, 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel Morgan L. Falcen, British Army -- 6 July 1943 to 1 May 1945.
- Brigadier Chef Andre Leroy, French Army -- 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945.
- Captain William T. G. Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, British Army -- 1 February 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Lieutenant Colonel Pierre A. Fleurquin, French Army -- 11 September 1944 to 27 April 1945.
- Captain Clovis R. Gaanon (then 1st Lieutenant), 01511406, Ordnance Department, United States Army -- 17 March 1945 to 1 April 1945.
- Captain Roger Goiran, 0921052, Army of the United States -- 5 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Captain Henry W. Gossard, II, 0451813, Infantry, United States Army -- 1 June 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Captain W. H. C. Griffith, British Army -- September, 1944 to May, 1945.
- Lieutenant Lloyd V. Jacquet, 381511, United States Naval Reserve -- 27 April 1944 to 8 May 1945.
- Colonel Charles R. Landon, 015592, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army -- 21 September 1944 to 9 May 1945.
- Captain Henri Levy, French Army -- 10 January 1945 to 7 May 1945.

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Major Thomas F. McCoy, 0454954, Signal Corps, United States Army -- 1 December 1944 and 1 June 1945.

Captain Charles G. Michaelis, 01526754, Army of the United States -- 1 September 1944 to 25 April 1945.

Captain Harlan R. Olson, 0444156, Infantry, United States Army -- 27 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

Captain William N. Parker, 01552950, Ordnance, United States Army -- 24 December 1944 to 18 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Alf H. Paulson, 17157296, Infantry, United States Army -- 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

Captain Fred W. Pecl, Jr., 01176761, Field Artillery, United States Army -- 24 December 1944 to 18 January 1945.

Major Leendert Pot, Netherlands Army -- July, 1943 to May, 1945.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Henry H. Proctor, 173173, United States Naval Reserve -- 20 September 1943 to 8 May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Alan M. Scaife, 0923528, Army of the United States -- May, 1944 to January, 1945.

Second Lieutenant Jack Schupp (then Sergeant), French Army -- 13 October 1944 to 7 May 1945.

Major Ezra Shine, 01110803, Corps of Engineers, United States Army -- 14 October 1944 to 8 May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Redman A. St Clair (then Captain and Major), 0431531, Air Corps, United States Army -- 25 November 1943 to 8 May 1945.

Major Robert L. Stroud, 0583553, Air Corps, United States Army -- 9 February 1943 to 8 May 1945.

Captain Robert E. S. Thompson, 0923962, Infantry, United States Army -- 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945.

Major Hans V. Toffe, 0525313, Army of the United States -- 4 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

Captain Carel van Heukelom, 091899, Air Corps, United States Army -- 22 February 1944 to 1 December 1944.

Captain Richard Watt, 01553302, Army of the United States -- 1 September 1944 to 8 May 1945.

Major Benjamin Welles, 01575027, Army of the United States -- 1 January 1944 to 1 April 1945.

Major Edwin A. Willard, 01305510, Infantry, United States Army -- 12 November 1944 to 8 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Syvart Wink, 32441496, Infantry, United States Army -- 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Kai G. Winkelhorn (then Captain and Major), 0921999, Transportation Corps, United States Army -- 1 January 1944 to 6 May 1945.

Private Alphonse Zinner, 33744361, Infantry, United States Army -- 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945.

BY COLLEGE OF GENERAL McNAULY:

OFFICIAL:

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Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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TO: CO, Hq & Hq Det., OASW, SSU, WD, 2324 "F" Street, N.W. Wash. D.C.
1. Subject officer transferred to your command per L10-264
dtd 4 Oct. 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

E. R. CRONIN.
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

19 September 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR OSS BOARD OF OFFICERS:

1. Submitted herewith for consideration is the recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Major Hans V. Tofte. ✓
2. It is requested that, upon completion of consideration by the Board, the papers be returned to this office for processing in the usual manner.

Graham G. Campbell
GRAHAM G. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
OSS Citations Officer

Attachment

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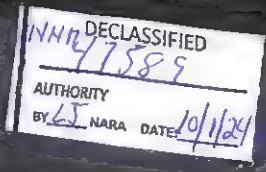
HQ. & HQ DETACHMENT, OSS, 2324 F. Street, NW, Wash 25, DC, 25 September 1945

TO: OSS Citations Officer

1. Award of the Legion of Merit to Major Hans V Tofte has been recommended by the OSS Board of Officers and approved by the Director.
2. Recommendation is forwarded for action.

EDMUND J PUNG
Major, AGD
Recorder, OSS Board of Officers

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March 22, 1946

Captain Jayne House,
SSU, Office of the Ass't Secretary of War,
25th & E Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Captain House:

I have your letter and will be very glad
to make the award to Major Tofte sometime before
March 29th.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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(19 Sept 45)

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT, OSS, 2324 F Street, NW, Wash 25, DC, 25 September 1945

TO: OSS Citations Officer

1. Award of the Legion of Merit to Major Hans V Tofte has been recommended by the OSS Board of Officers and approved by the Director.

2. Recommendation is forwarded for action.

EDMUND J PUNG
Major, AGD
Recorder, OSS Board of Officers

1 Incl

PROPOSED CITATION

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States; Major Hans V. Tofte, O-525313, Army of the United States, together with two other American officers conceived and developed a plan for the establishment of a sea supply line from Bari, Italy to Marshal Tito's Partisan forces in Yugoslavia. Under the direction of Major Tofte, an operations base was established at Bari and a constant flow of vital supplies of arms, ammunition and medical supplies, as well as thousands of gallons of diesel oil, kerosene, gasoline and lubricating oil was maintained to Yugoslavia despite increasing enemy activity during the months of November and December. In addition, a brigade of more than 2,000 troops, recruited among Yugoslavs in internment camps in Italy was transported across the Adriatic to join the fighting Partisans. Thousands of refugees were evacuated to Italy and over 800 wounded Partisans were shipped to Italy for hospitalization. In November 1943, when the Germans initiated a drive to destroy the shipping operation, Major Tofte reconnoitered the Yugoslav coast, determined Partisan needs to stave off the attack and personally directed the shipment of these supplies. Due to the timely arrival of the supplies, every landing beach at Vis Island, which was to have been the focal point of the German attack, was heavily fortified. On 2 December 1943, Major Tofte displayed outstanding courage while directing and participating in voluntary rescue work in the port of Bari after a disastrous German bombing attack. The initiative, perseverance, ingenuity and personal courage displayed by Major Tofte throughout his entire assignment were an inspiration to all who worked with him. His sound judgment, imagination and foresight in the planning stages of the operation were responsible for the successful supply of thousands of Partisan forces thus enabling them to divert strong German divisions from the Western front thereby facilitating the rapid advance of the Allied Armies.

19 September 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR OSS BOARD OF OFFICERS:

1. Submitted herewith for consideration is the recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Major Hans V. Tofte. ✓

2. It is requested that, upon completion of consideration by the Board, the papers be returned to this office for processing in the usual manner.

GRAHAM G. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
OSS Citations Officer

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Major Hans. Toft
File:

Major Toft called
saying he was leaving.
Said goodbye.

Was recommended
for Legion of Merit &
Bronze Star Medal
and wishes to be
notified when Citations
on awards come through.
His address is:

1801 - 16th St. N.W.
Wash. D.C.
HOBART - 0576
X-612

OSS Citations Officer

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Captain William Dern
Headquarters & Headquarters Detach.
DATE: 6 July 1944

FROM: Major Carleton Coon, AUS.

SUBJECT: Commendation of Captain Hans V. Tofte, Chief S.O.
Shipping Operations Italy-Yugoslavia 1943-44.

1. Request is hereby made that the Distinguished Service Medal or alternate appropriate decoration be awarded to the above named officer in view of his services in Italy and Yugoslavia during the months: October 1943 to January 1944.
2. Captain Tofte accompanied me to Bari, Italy, in October 1943 and was appointed Chief of the American controlled supply route by sea from Italy to Yugoslavia on Nov. 5th 1943. ✓
3. Reference is made to Captain Tofte's report to the Deputy Director SSO dated 1 April 1944 with photographic record covering the operation in question. The Captain upheld a considerable responsibility which actually involved American prestige with foreign military forces, and the attached copy of a letter from Marshal Tito's Foreign Minister of the Government of Liberated Yugoslavia will testify to the successful manner in which Captain Tofte safeguarded this responsibility.
4. On November 25th 1943 Captain Tofte escorted the Yugoslav s/s "Galeb" from Italy to Yugoslavia onboard the British gunboat H.M.L.361, which was lost at sea and rescued in the early hours of the 26 November in response to an S.O.S. and after having been spotted by enemy aircraft. The "Galeb" constituted a mission planned and prepared by Captain Tofte's initiative in cooperation with the Royal Navy; as the largest blockade runner this ship carried 600 tons of Arms, Ammunition, Food and Clothing to the Partizan supply base in Dalmatia. ✓
5. On December 2 1943 Lt.Col. Paul West wrote to the Deputy Director, SSO, as per attached letter copy regarding a commendation from the Royal Navy

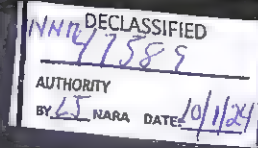
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placed on the Service record of Capt. Tofte regarding the activities of vessels under his control in connection with rescue work carried out on the occasion of sinkings of British naval vessels.

6. Further on 2 December 1943, during the severe bombing of the Port of Bari, Captain Tofte was active all through the night in the burning harbour engaged in voluntary rescue work with his Partizan crews under extremely hazardous circumstances caused by blazing and exploding ships. ✓
7. It is my impression that Captain Hans Tofte not only carried out the duties assigned to him in a highly conscientious and sincere manner as a representative of the U.S. Armed Forces, but also that he went beyond the call of regular duty whenever the exigencies of war called for it in or near his station. ✓
8. He held the unanimous respect of the entire Yugoslav force with which he operated as well as the respect of his subordinate American officers directly engaged in the operations referred to. Furthermore Colonel Barrett of the Adriatic Base Depot, U.S.A., Bari and Lt.Cmdr. Morgan Giles & Commander Welmann, Coastal Forces Western Mediterranean will testify to this effect. -

Carleton Coon

Carleton Coon,
Major, AUS.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. January 1944
Monopoli

Dr. Josip Smodiaka
COMMISSAR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
OF YUGOSLAVIA

No: 4/44

Dear Captain,

Upon arrival in Italy I feel very glad to be able to thank you personally for your kindness towards my family when it arrived at Monopoli, and I ask you to be good enough to pass on my thanks to Lieutenants Thompson and Hamilton. -

At the same time I am pleased to let you know about my absolute satisfaction with the organization of the Yugoslav base at Monopoli, which I inspected in my capacity of Commissar of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia.

I have ascertained that this base has been able - thanks to you and your colleagues of the United States Army - to continue with complete success the dispatch of War materials and food to Yugoslavia, a task started under the alert direction of Major L. Huot.

In the hope that nothing will be able to disturb the perfect collaboration now in actual existence between the delegates of our Army and the representatives of our great Ally, The United States of America, I express the hope that you and your valiant assistants, Capt. Benson and Lieutenants Thompson, Hamilton, Geer & Ellen will continue and be able to bring to a fine conclusion your efforts towards the final victory of the United Nations over our common enemy.

I ask you, dear Captain, to accept the expression of profound gratitude, which I address to you in the name of the Government of Yugoslavia, and at the same time the assurance of my high esteem. -

/s/

DR. JOSIP SMODLAKA

TO: Hans V. Tofte,
Captain of the Army of The United States,
Monopoli, Italy.

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(C.C.recd. by Captain
Hans Tofte from Lt. Col.
West, O.S.S., Cairo).

2 Dec. 1943

SUBJECT: Naval Operations

TO: Joseph M. Scribner, Esq.

1. Herewith is copy of commendation from British
Flag Officer, Bari area, on action of vessels under our
supervision.

2. As Captain Tofte is in command of this detail,
this commendation has been placed on his service record.

Paul West,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Chief Operations Officer,
OSS-ME.

TO: Capt. Hans Tofte, U.S.A.

FROM: Lt. Cmdr. Morgan Giles, Royal Navy

THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, BARI, HAS MADE A SIGNAL
EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE PROMPT AND EFFICIENT WORK
CARRIED OUT BY SMALL CRAFT WHEN H.M.S. "HEBE" WAS SUNK.

PLEASE CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO PARTIZAN SHIPS WHO
WERE CONCERNED UPON THIS OCCASION AND ALSO WHEN H.M.S.
"QUAIL" WAS MINED.

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21 March 1946

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Major General William J. Donovan
Donovan, Laurens, Newton & Lombard
2 Wall Street
New York City

Dear General Donovan:

Major Hans V. Tofte has been awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal for his services with the Office of Strategic Services. He is at present in New York City and is unable to return to Washington to be presented with these decorations as he is expecting to return overseas at an early date.

Inasmuch as Major Tofte has been in this organization for a considerable length of time, will it be possible for you to make the presentation to him there in New York at your convenience, sometime before 29 March? If you will advise this office if it will be convenient for you, Major Tofte will be informed of the arrangements.

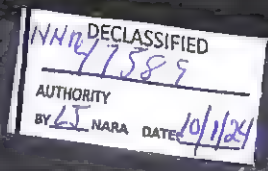
Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

JAYNE HOUSE
Captain, AUS (WAC)
Citations Officer

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Tofte, Hans V.



AWARD RECOMMENDED: LEGION OF MERIT
BRONZE STAR MEDAL

JOB DESCRIPTION WRITTEN BY

DATE FORWARDED TO A/D BOARD: 18 July 45

DATE APPROVED BY A/D BOARD: 18 July 45 - apvd for the Bronze Star Medal

DATE FORWARDED TO ETOUSA: 25 July 45 - for BSM

AWARDED PER PAR.____, SEC.____, GO____, DATED____, HQ.____

AWARD RECEIVED:____, PRESENTED:____

REMARKS: Rec. for L. of M. forwarded on 18 July 45 under cover letters dtd 29 June, 45.

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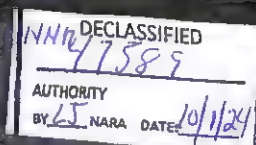
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UNIT:

TOFTE, HANS V.

MAJOR, AUS

SCAND. SECT.
DEPUTY, DIP.



Minutes of A/D Board meeting held on 18 July 45, minutes dtd 19th July 45, lists Tofte as apvd for BSM and not L. of M.

2 August, 45 - received 1st and 5th page retyped for BSM from Paris.

Per his conversation with Jones in Paris, Levine found out that Tofte's rec. went forward to ETOUSA as BSM 25 July 45.

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H. & W. DETACHMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
MAIN

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29 June 1945

**SUBJECT : Recommendation of Major Hans V. Tofte
for the Legion of Merit**

**TO : President, Awards and Decorations Board,
Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA**

1. Attached hereto is a recommendation of Hans V. Tofte, Major AUS, 0525313, for the Legion of Merit, prepared, in original and 9 copies, for the signature of the Commanding Officer, Office of Strategic Services, and addressed to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations.

2. It is requested that this office be notified of the action taken on this recommendation in order that our records may be accurately maintained.

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Incl. 1. Recommendation for
Major Hans V. Tofte

WILLIAM J. CASEY
Chief, SI Branch

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Recommendation for Award of Legion of Merit
201 - Tofte, Hans V.

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Sect. SI
Paris Branch

1. Attached hereto is a recommendation for the award of the Legion of Merit to Hans V. Tofte, Major AUS, 0525313, prepared in accordance with the instructions we have received.

2. It is requested that this office be informed of the action taken on this recommendation in order that our records may be accurately maintained.

For the Chief, SI Branch:

1 Incl:
Incl. 1. Recommendation for
Maj. Hans V. Tofte

JOHN G. HAYES, Jr.
Major, USA
Executive Officer,
SI Branch, WASH

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
INTERNATIONAL TROOPING OF OPERATIONS
U.S. ARMY
(MAIN)

APD 415
27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the LEGION OF MERIT

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 887

1. a. It is recommended that Hans V. Tofte, 0305310, Major, AIC, Secret Intelligence Branch, Office of Strategic Services, WFOH, be awarded the LEGION OF MERIT.

b. Major Tofte served as Chief of the Scandinavian Division and as Deputy Chief of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, Office of Strategic Services at the time of the service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative:

Mrs. Harlys Tofte (wife)
415 5th Avenue
New York, New York

d. Entered United States military service from: New York, 16 February, 1943

e. Decorations previously awarded: None

f. The entire service of Major Tofte has been honorable since the rendition by him of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual has not been submitted.

2. a. The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

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b. This recommendation is supported by the official records of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, G-2.

3. a. Major Hans V. TOTTEN, while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Major Hans V. TOTTEN reported for duty with the Secret Intelligence Branch, Office of Strategic Services, WFOA, on 4 August, 1944, after serving with great distinction with G-2 in the Mediterranean Theater. On his arrival, Major TOTTEN was appointed assistant to the Chief of the Scandinavian Section, G-2; but, due to an accident to the head of that unit, he immediately assumed full responsibility as Chief of the section.

Major TOTTEN displayed a keen intelligence and a complete understanding of Scandinavian affairs while mastering the details of the varied projects initiated prior to his arrival; and his sincere appreciation of the importance of the job to be done and the labor necessary to accomplish it, his unflinching industry, and his enthusiastic interest and cooperation enabled him to carry on the work without delaying operations in the slightest.

The responsibilities which Major TOTTEN accepted, without a previous opportunity to familiarize himself with the administrative methods and channels and the operational techniques which had been established, were exceptionally great, and added to them was the problem that any G-2 mission to Scandinavia would only be established after successful completion of most detailed and delicate negotiations with the corresponding British agencies, with SHAEF, and with the American and British Army authorities concerned with the ultimate occupation or control of liberated Norway and Denmark. For some time Norway and Denmark had been considered zones for exclusively British operations and it was due primarily to Major TOTTEN's exceptional tact and his skillful handling of the necessary negotiations that the original attitude of the British on this subject was altered and the G-2 was assured their full support in its operations in this area. With unusual dispatch he had achieved, by September

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1944, a successful basis for such co-operation and had made the underlying arrangements for an US Detachment to be assigned to those SMFP or other U.S. Army forces handling American interests in Scandinavia.

Major TOWNE, after having met with success in his liaison work and having arrived at a working relationship with other agencies, undertook the formidable task of building up a competent staff to assist him in the highly critical operations which were envisaged. He proved himself an extremely astute judge of personalities and succeeded in bringing together a small and carefully selected group of persons, well informed on Scandinavian matters and admirably suited for the proposed missions. He fully utilized his own thorough knowledge of the Scandinavian countries; and his complete appreciation of the essential problems facing such missions greatly aided him in the training of this staff. His vision, enthusiasm, and keen sense of timing made it possible for him to anticipate the future needs of these missions, as regarded the dispatching of specially trained personnel for the initial contacts and infiltration. Major TOWNE faced the difficulties involved in initiating operations in a new area and in the handling of what might have been an extremely delicate international situation, with an ingenuity, intellectual and technical technique, and attention to the smallest problem which inevitably made his efforts successful, and US missions were dispatched and are operating in both Norway and Denmark at the present time with the complete cooperation of both the Norwegian and Danish authorities.

When the new Division of Intelligence Procurement was organized in November 1944, to carry out the mission of evolving the plans for and directing a large scale agent penetration of Germany, the Chief of the Division required the services of a highly capable deputy having both administrative and operational experience and who would give unstintingly of his time and energies in developing and making operational the important mission of the Division. Major TOWNE was selected for this position not only because of his extensive knowledge of conditions on the continent but also because of the rare executive ability, initiative, and devotion that he had demonstrated in directing the operations of the Scandinavian Section. To this task he brought the same vision and imagination, the same rare tact and the same unusual ability to judge the potentialities of those who worked

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with him.

By the very nature of the task confronting this new division, successful operations depended ultimately on a core of highly skilled staff personnel who could assume a large measure of responsibility for the activities of their units. The first task which Major TOFFE faced was the recruiting of persons suited for these key positions and, because of the excellent judgment and extreme care exercised in his initial selection, few changes had to be made in subsequent months. The Division, under Major TOFFE's supervision, grew in size from an original nucleus of four (4) to over 125, persons; and the continued high efficiency of operations was excellent confirmation of the wisdom of Major TOFFE's leadership and choice of staff.

Major TOFFE was given the further responsibility of maintaining full liaison with the British agencies engaged in similar operations; He had to maintain extremely close high level contact with the British at all times, for it was essential that no conflict arise concerning the areas selected for operational targets.

Largely due to Major TOFFE's skillful negotiation persistence, tact, and qualities of personality and character which inspired the confidence and cooperation of the governmental representatives concerned, this liaison resulted in unusually fine cooperation and understanding between the two services.

Major TOFFE also carried the final responsibility for the dispatching of all agent personnel; and, despite the burden of his other tasks, he devoted a great portion of his time, infinite care and attention to the coordination of operational schedules and the preparation of the agents. Under the constant pressure of demands resulting from the rapidly changing military activity, he continued the daily meetings of the operational staff and at all times followed the details of each operation with utmost fidelity and imagination.

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At a crucial stage in the operations of the DTP, Major TOPP personally went to Dijon, France to establish an air base from which agents could be parachuted into Germany. As the Commanding Officer of this newly acquired field base, he had the complete responsibility for its organization and administration, the developing of adequate operational schedules, and the briefing and dispatching of all agents. The efficiency and speed with which Major TOPP set up the new base and began operations was outstanding and the unit served as a model for other such bases. With unusual ingenuity and perseverance, Major TOPP developed a new and special technique which made possible the dropping of two or three agent teams and their full equipment from one plane in a single night. Such an operation theretofore had been considered impractical and has never been attempted; and the success of such a scheme had greatly increased to total possible number of agent teams dispatched within the limited period.

He was further able to instill in his Air Corps colleagues a feeling of respect for and confidence in the essential soundness of OSS intelligence missions, without which the desired scale of operations could not have been maintained. Major TOPP's close contact with the agents during their training and the confidence inspired by his last-minute talks produced a fellowship and team spirit which was an invaluable asset in carrying out their hazardous work. The large volume of highly important strategic intelligence procured by these agents was the final proof of the success of Dijon operations, a success which was in large part due to the rare abilities, the consummate skill, and the untiring efforts of Major Hans V. TOPP.

4. Proposed Citation: For DEDITION OF TOPP

Major Hans V. TOPP, 0535513, AEB, in recognition of his highly significant contribution to the successful operations of a special organization in European Theater of Operations. Because of the unusual skill and the tact which he displayed in the handling of delicate situations involving authorities of other nations, by reason of his rare organizational talents, his infinite care and vision

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in guiding a series of highly complex operations, his unstinting industry and his enthusiastic interest, Major FORM was instrumental in achieving the over-all operational efficiency maintained by that organization. His services and leadership were at all times exemplary and in accordance with the finest traditions of the service.

5. In order to support this recommendation, it has been necessary to divulge in the preceding paragraphs information classified as SECRET. However, the Proposed Citation has been made sufficiently general to permit publication of it separately with the classification Restricted.

JAMES E. MORGAN
Colonel, USMC
Commanding

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He was further able to assist in his Air Corps colleagues a feeling of respect for and confidence in the excellent conduct of the intelligence situation, without which the desired scale of operations could not have been maintained. Major Purse's close contact with the members during their training and the confidence inspired by his leadership's taking command of a follow-up and then a unit which was an invaluable asset in carrying out their functions were. The large volume of clearly important strategic intelligence gathered by these agents was the final proof of the success of Alpha operations, a success which was in large part due to the rare abilities, the executive skill, and the untiring efforts of Major and Mrs. Purse.

Major Hans T. Soren, 005314, 4th, in recognition of his highly significant contribution to the successful completion of a special assignment in Europe Theater of Operations. Member of the General Staff and the staff which he displayed in the handling of delicate situations involving authorities of other nations. By reason of his personal and professional talents, his initiative and action

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
HEADQUARTERS OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
(SIS)

AFD 413
27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO : Commanding General, European Theater of
Operations, United States Army, AFD 407

1. a. It is recommended that Major V. TOSTE,
OCT 5313, Major, AAF, Secret Intelligence Branch,
Office of Strategic Services, London, be awarded the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

b. Major TOSTE served as Chief of the
Scandinavian Division and as Deputy Chief of the
Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelli-
gence Branch, Office of Strategic Services at the time
of the service for which this award is recommended.

c. Name and address of nearest relative:

Mrs. Marilyn Toste (wife)
415 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

d. Entered United States military service
from: New York, 18 February 1943.

e. Decorations previously awarded: None.

f. The entire service of Major Toste has been
honorable since the rendition by him of the services upon
which this recommendation is based.

g. A similar recommendation for this individual
has not been submitted.

2. a. The officer recommending this award has
personal knowledge of the service upon which this
recommendation is based.

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b. This recommendation is supported by the official records of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, OSS.

3. a. Major Hans V. TOFTE, while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

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Major TOFTE displayed a keen intelligence and a complete understanding of Scandinavian affairs ~~and~~ ^{master-}ing the details of the varied projects initiated prior to his arrival; and his sincere appreciation of the importance of the job to be done and the labor necessary to accomplish it, his unstinting industry, and his enthusiastic interest and cooperation enabled him to carry on the work without delaying operations in the slightest.

The responsibilities which Major TOFTE accepted without a previous opportunity to familiarize himself ^{with} the administrative methods and channels and the operational techniques which had been established, were exceptionally ^{good} ~~difficult~~ and added to them was the problem that any OSS mission to Scandinavia could only be established after successful completion of most detailed and delicate negotiations with the corresponding British agencies, with SHAEF, and with the American and British Army authorities concerned with the ultimate occupation or control of liberated Norway and Denmark. For some time Norway and Denmark had been considered zones for exclusively British operations and it was due primarily to Major TOFTE'S exceptional tact and his skillful handling of the necessary negotiations that the original attitude of the British on this subject was altered and the OSS was assured their full support in its operations in this area. With ^{unusual} ~~exceptional~~ dispatch he had achieved, by September 1944, a successful basis for such co-operation and had made the underlying arrangements for an OSS Detachment to be assigned to those SHAEF or other U.S. Army forces handling American interests in Scandinavia.

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4. Proposed Citation: For LEGION OF MERIT

Major Hans V. TOFTE, 0525313, AUS, in recognition of his highly significant contribution to the successful operations of a special organization in European Theater of Operations. Because of the unusual skill and tact which he displayed in the handling of delicate situations involving authorities of other nations, by reason of his rare organizational talents, his infinite care and vision in guiding a series of highly complex operations, his unstinting industry and his enthusiastic interest, Major TOFTE was instrumental in achieving the over-all operational efficiency maintained by that organization. His services and leadership were at all times ~~of~~ exemplary and in accordance with the finest traditions of the service.

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5. In order to support this recommendation, it has been necessary to divulge in the preceding paragraphs information classified as SECRET. However, the Proposed Citation has been made sufficiently general to permit publication of it separately with the classification Restricted.

JAMES R. FORGAN
Colonel, GSC
Commanding

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* It is quite possible that many
of these men are highly
developed in their own
technique to the point of
travelling on their own
teams and their full equipment
for one plane for a single
night. So any ~~operation~~ ^{operation}
which has been considered impractical
and has never been attempted
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greatly increased in total number
member organizations represented
within the limited space.

HQ & HQ DETACHMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
ETOUSA
UNITED STATES ARMY
(MAIN)

Weak for...
APO 413
+ RS 18
June 21, 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the LEGION OF MERIT

TO : Commanding General, ETO, USA, APO 887

1. (a) It is recommended that ~~Major~~ Hans V. Tofte, AUS, *0525313*, be awarded the LEGION OF MERIT.

(b) Major Tofte served as Chief of the Scandinavian Division and as Deputy Chief of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, Office of Strategic Services at the time ~~he rendered~~ the services for which this award is recommended.

(c) Name and address of nearest relative:

*his Marys Tofte (wife)
1115 5th Ave
Wye*

(d) Entered United States military service from: *1941*

(e) Decorations previously awarded: *None*

(f) The entire service of Major Tofte has been honorable since the rendition by him of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

(g) A similar recommendation for this individual has not been submitted.

2. (a) The officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the services upon which this recommendation is based.

(b) This recommendation is supported by ~~official records~~ of the Office of Strategic Services and by the official records of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Secret Intelligence Branch, *OSS*.

3. *immediately* (a) Major Hans V. Tofte, AUS, ~~while serving~~ *a member of the* with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by ~~meritorious~~ *exceptionally* achievement and services in connection with military operations. He did not participate in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

* Major Toft displayed a keen intelligence and a complete understanding of Scandinavian affairs in mastering the details of the varied projects initiated prior to his arrival; and his sincere appreciation of the ^{importance} ~~importance~~ of the job to be done and the labor necessary to complete it, his unstinting industry, and his enthusiastic interest and cooperation enabled him to carry on the work without delaying operations in the slightest.

** ~~and~~ Largely due to Major Toft's skill in negotiation, persistence, ~~and~~ ^{and} tact, ~~as well as~~ ^{and} qualities of personality and character which inspired the confidence and cooperation of the governmental representatives concerned, this liaison resulted in unusually fine cooperation and understanding between the two services.

Major Hans V. Tofte reported for duty with SI Branch, OSS/ETOUSA on 4 August 1944 after serving with great distinction with OSS in the Mediterranean theater. On his arrival, Major Tofte was appointed ~~xxx~~

accident to the head of that unit,
assistant to the Chief of the Scandinavian Section, SI; but, due to *had to assume* ~~unforeseen circumstances~~, he ~~was~~ immediately thrust into the more *the* ~~difficult position of full responsibility as Chief of that section.~~ *

X A high degree of native intelligence, ~~and a keen understanding of~~ Scandinavian affairs, ~~coupled with a sincere appreciation of the tremendous task to be done, and the unceasing efforts to be demanded of him~~ *an untiring industry and enthusiastic interest* enabled Major Tofte to master the details of the various projects ~~prior to~~ initiated ~~his~~ arrival and to carry on this work without in any way having to postpone operations.

The responsibilities which Major Tofte ~~had~~ *without a previous* ~~accepted, with no opportunity to orient himself in the previously established contacts and operational techniques were particularly~~ *administrative matters and the which he had* ~~extensive in view of the fact that any OSS mission to Scandinavia could~~ *were exceptionally difficult tasks to them was a problem the OSS* only be established *after successful completion of* ~~as a result of the~~ most detailed and delicate

—negotiations with the corresponding British agencies, *with* SHAEF, and with the American and British Army authorities concerned with the ultimate occupation or control of liberated Norway and Denmark. For some time Norway and Denmark had been considered zones for exclusively British operations and it was *due primarily to* ~~only by reason of~~ Major Tofte's *exceptional* ~~native tact and~~

his ~~adroit and skillful handling of these negotiations that the original~~ attitude of the British on this subject was altered *the* and OSS was assured their full support in its operations in this area. *By Sept. 1944, he* ~~By Sept. 1944, he~~ had achieved *by Sept. 1944,* a successful basis for such co-operation and had made the underlying arrangements for an OSS Detachment to be assigned to those SHAEF or other U.S. Army forces handling American interests in Scandinavia.

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met with ^{and} great success in his ^{liaison} and having
Having thus arrived at a working relationship with other agencies,
^{undertook the formidable task} Major Tofte ~~began the work~~ of building up a competent staff to assist him in the highly critical operations which ^{were} envisaged. He proved himself an ^{extremely astute} ~~excellent~~ judge of personalities, ^{and succeeded in} bringing together a small ^{and} carefully selected group of persons, well informed on Scandinavian matters and admirably suited ^{for} the proposed missions. His own thorough knowledge of the Scandinavian countries, and his ^{keen} appreciation of the essential problems facing such missions ^{greatly} aided him in the training of this staff, ^{and his vision} and keen sense of timing made it possible for him to anticipate the future needs of these missions as regards the dispatching of specially trained personnel for the initial contacts and ^{Major Tofte faced} infiltration. Despite the difficulties involved in initiating operations in a new area and ^{what might have become} the handling of a delicate international situation, ^{with an ingenuity, intellect and technical skill} Major Tofte's efforts were finally successful and OSS missions are operating in both Norway and Denmark at the present time with the ^{full and enthusiastic} cooperation of both ^{Danish} Norwegian and ^{Danish} authorities. ^{Complete}

When the new Division of Intelligence Procurement was being organized in November ^{November} 1944, ^{to carry out the mission of evolving the plans for} ~~for~~ the direction of large scale agent penetration of Germany, the Chief of the Division required the services of ^{a highly} ^{having} a capable deputy with both administrative and operational experience who would give unstintingly of his time and energies in the ^{development and} ^{and} ^{working operations} ^{important mission of the Division} of the ambitious program facing the new division. Major Tofte was ^{not only} ^{extensive} selected for this position because of his ^{wide} knowledge of conditions on the continent ^{but also} and because of the rare ^{ability, initiative, and devotion} abilities he had demonstrated in his organization of the Scandinavian Section. To this task he brought the same vision and imagination, ^{the same rare tact and the same unusual} ~~the same~~ ability to judge the potentialities of those who worked with him. ~~and in the same manner~~

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By the very nature of the task confronting this new division, successful operations would depend ultimately on a core of highly skilled staff personnel who could assume a large measure of responsibility for the activities of their units. The first responsibility *Task which* ~~given Major Tofte~~ *Major Tofte faced* was the recruiting of persons suited for these key positions and, because of the excellent judgement *and extreme care exercised* shown in his initial selection, few changes *had to be made* were made in subsequent months. *under Major Tofte's supervision, an* As the Division grew in size from the original nucleus of 4 to over 125 persons, *and* the continued efficiency of operations was excellent confirmation of the wisdom of Major Tofte's choice of *leadership and staff* personnel.

~~Because of his rare tact and ability~~ Major Tofte was given the further responsibility of maintaining full liaison with the British agencies engaged in similar ~~operations~~ *He had to maintain* operations. *Closest contact with* the British *was maintained* at all times, *for* it was essential that no conflict arise *concerning* to the areas selected for operational targets *and* ~~due to Major Tofte's efforts~~ *this* ~~liaison has resulted in unusually fine~~ *assistance* ~~and helpfulness and understanding on the part of these British agencies~~

Major Tofte ~~was also given~~ *carried the* final responsibility for the dispatching of all agent personnel and, despite his other tasks, *devoted great* ~~gave infinite~~ *portion his time, experience, care, and attention* ~~care and attention~~ to the coordination of operational schedules. Under *of demands resulting from the rapidly changing unit situation, he continued* constant pressure ~~imposed in such activities~~, he called daily meetings of the operational staff and at all times followed the details of each operation with utmost fidelity and imagination.

personally went At a crucial stage in the operations of the DIP, Major Tofte ~~was sent~~ to Dijon, France to establish an air base from which agents could be parachuted into Germany. As the Commanding Officer of this newly acquired field base, he had the complete responsibility for its organization, the *development adequate* ~~arranging~~ of operational schedules, and the

the briefing and dispatching of all agents. The efficiency with which
Major Tofte ^{and speed} ~~organized~~ ^{was outstanding and the final} the operations of Dijon Base ~~was to serve as a model for~~
other such bases. He developed a technique ^{new and speed} ~~for dropping~~ two or three
teams and their equipment from one plane in a single night, ^{therefore considered impractical and unproven} ~~this~~
greatly increasing the total possible number of missions which could
be ~~accomplished~~ ^{performed} in a limited time. He was ^{further} able to create a feeling of
respect and confidence on the part of the Air Corps in the essential
soundness of OSS intelligence missions without which the desired
scale of operations could not have been maintained. Major Tofte's
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inspired by his lat-minute talks ^{was an essential team spirit} ~~were~~ an invaluable asset to them in
their hazardous work. ~~The main reason for the success of these operations was the~~
The ^{large volume of important} ~~invaluable~~ strategic intelligence procured by these agents was the
final proof of the success of ^{Dijon} ~~these~~ operations, a success which was,
in large part, due to the rare abilities, the consummate skill, and
the untiring efforts of Major Hans V. Tofte.

*** This feat had theretofore been considered ^{impractical} ~~impractical~~ and was never attempted ^{before} ~~before~~
but Major Tofte's ^{ingenuity and perseverance} ~~ingenuity and perseverance~~
enabled him to devise a ~~system which~~ ^{plan of operation which succeeded}
and thereby ^{greatly} ~~increased~~ the total possible
number of ^{agent-} ~~teams~~ dispatched within the
limited period

His services and leadership
were at all times exemplary and
in accordance with the finest
traditions of the Service

(b) Detailed narrative of the services for which this award is recommended:

Major Tofte joined the Office of Strategic Services in 1943 and during the fall of 1943 and the summer of 1944 served in MEDTO with distinction. Thereafter he was transferred to the ETO and reported for duty in London on August 4, 1944. Due to a series of circumstances, Major Tofte, who had come to London to be an assistant to the Chief of the Scandinavian Section, was immediately, ~~within~~ within 48 hours after his arrival, thrust into the position of Chief of the Scandinavian Section. This emergency required unceasing effort on his part to familiarize himself with the work which had gone on prior to his arrival and if he had not been admirably equipped to perform this task, due to his own background in Scandinavian countries, he could scarcely have hoped to perform the duties successfully. *These duties* included a series of delicate and careful negotiations with the British services and with SHAEF and American and British Army authorities for the establishment of a principle which would permit the attachment of an OSS Detachment to ~~the SHAEF~~ *the SHAEF or* U.S. Army forces that were ultimately to occupy or control the liberated areas in Denmark and Norway. These negotiations were successfully completed in September 1944 and Major Tofte then began the task of building up a staff which could take advantage of these opportunities. In his recruiting for this work his knowledge of Scandinavian countries stood him in excellent stead and he was able to select and bring together a small, but well rounded, group of people for these missions. At the same time, he was far sighted enough to know that the work of at least one of the missions in Denmark would be greatly facilitated by advance efforts in preparing to infiltrate agents into Denmark who would form a nucleus of an intelligence organization once his staff had arrived there. For this purpose, in the fall of 1944, he dispatched one of his staff to Sweden to take the preliminary steps toward this end. In all of this work Major Tofte was beset by more than usual difficulties since Norway and Denmark had, for a long time and possibly not unreasonably, been looked on as zones where the British should operate exclusively and there was no disposition on the part of the British to cooperate in aiding the establishment of an American operation in these two countries. By his care, tact and skill in negotiating, Major Tofte overcame these difficulties and the ultimate success of his efforts is amply demonstrated by the fact that American, OSS Missions are operating in both Norway and Denmark at the present time successfully, and with the full and enthusiastic cooperation of the Norwegian and Danish authorities. *opportunities to be done.*

On the 22nd of November 1944, when the first steps toward the organization of a Division of Intelligence Procurement were being undertaken, the Chief of the Division of Intelligence Procurement required a Deputy who had organizing and operational experience and who would be eager and anxious to bring his entire energies into the ~~incumbent~~ task of developing, almost from nothing, an organization which would be capable of successfully recruiting, training, preparing and dispatching intelligence agents into Germany in numbers sufficient to give an appreciable result and of a quality high enough to make the effort worthwhile. Major Tofte was selected for this post. He brought to his work not only his talent for judging people and his organizing ability, but with his knowledge of the Continent, and especially of Germany, he contributed a large part of that essential background, without which operations directed against Germany could not have been successful. The first task that fell upon Major Tofte was the selection and recruiting of staff personnel and this was done in such a manner that very few changes

from the original selection made were necessary as the work developed and progressed. The Division of Intelligence Procurement began its operations as a part of the Secret Intelligence Branch with four people. At the height of its operations, at the close of hostilities in Europe, more than 125 people were engaged in its work and, for the most part, the persons holding key positions were selected and recruited by Major Tofte. While the policy governing the selection of targets and the planning of the missions themselves was made the responsibility of the respective desks, operating directly under the supervision of the Chief of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, on Major Tofte was placed the responsibility for organizing and seeing to it that the teams of agents in the field were actually dispatched with all of the necessary coordination that this entailed. On Major Tofte, as well, was placed the responsibility for maintaining liaison with the British Services who were themselves engaged in similar operations and with whom close liaison was necessary to avoid conflict as to pinpoints selected for carrying out operations. Daily meetings of the operating staff were held under Major Tofte's direction and he followed each detail of every operation with the utmost fidelity, *imagination*

At a crucial stage in the operations of the Division of Intelligence Procurement, Major Tofte went into the field at the Air Base in Dijon, France for a period of three weeks and there was able, in that one period, to dispatch more than 60 persons who were dropped behind the lines in Germany. On one night alone, using three airplanes, he was able to send 10 teams of two men each off on missions and the example that he set of planning and handling a number of operations served as a model and inspiration for all other operations that followed. He was able to create a feeling of confidence on the part of the Air Corps in the essentialness and soundness of OSS intelligence operations without which it is doubtful whether subsequent operations on the scale actually carried out could have even been thought of. The intelligence obtained by the agents thus dropped played an important part in the success of the Allied Armies and the qualifications of leadership and organizing ability displayed by Major Tofte as Deputy Chief of the Division of Intelligence Procurement were in no small part responsible for the fact that such important intelligence was obtained.

1 Aug 44 to 30 June 45
(c) The accomplishment of the services for which this award is recommended extended from 22 November 1944 until 1 June 1945 and have been completed. These services were performed in London, England, and in Dijon, France.

4. Proposed citation: For the LEGION OF MERIT:
Major Hans V. Tofte, 0525313, AUS,

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	To—	SYNOPSIS
1.	SI A/D	29 Jun.45	OSS A/D	Ltr. with rec. for award of L. of M. to subj. off. with draft of same.

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SEPERATION PROCESS
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Date interviewed 5 Nov 1945 OSS Branch SI Put in NO

Name of Interviewer Capt Sarnis

NAME Hans V. Tofte RANK Major ASN O-525 313
(First) (Init) (Last)

Date of Birth _____ Yrs. Arm of Service _____ Source of Comm. _____ Auth. to live In town _____

Present Address _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

Length of (With OSS) _____ mos. Physical No. Of
Service Overseas (Other) _____ mos. Profile _____ Points _____

Last Army Station _____ Date Asgd. to OSS _____

Duty Performed with OSS _____ Desires to Remain in Army _____

Requests Delay Yes No No. of Sufficient Yes TPA Yes
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4 February 1946
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Hans V. TOFTS

Major

O-525313 AUS. 113 points.

15 November 1945

Subject: Reporting of Officer for Separation From Service.

To: SI

1. The following named Officers, assigned to your Branch, on 1 October 1945, possessed an Adjusted Service Rating score entitling them to separation from Service in accordance with a Memorandum from the Office of the Chief of Staff, dated 24 September 1945:

Lt. Col. Duncan Lee
Major Hans V. Täfte ✓

2. It is required that they be reported for separation by this organization not later than 30 November 1945. Therefore, he will be reported to the Deputy Chief of Staff for separation on that date unless the following two steps are taken by the Branch:

a) Statement from the Branch stating that the services of the individuals are required for a period not exceeding 4 months following 30 November, together with a complete job description. (On receipt of this statement it will be referred by this Branch for Organization approval by Col. E. W. Gamble, Jr.)

b) Statement signed by the individual officers indicating their willingness to remain on active duty for the assignment and period indicated in (a) above. (Officers unwilling to remain on active duty beyond 1 December cannot be held by their Branch.)

3. If the Officers are not ~~to~~ to be retained within the provisions of Par. 2, request is made that they report to Room 104, North Building not later than 26 November 1945 to begin processing.

HOMER HILTON, JR.
Captain, CAC
Officers Separation Section

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SUBJECT: -- REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

OSS Form 801
(Rev. 24 OCT. 1944)

TO: -- CHIEF, PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT BRANCH, OSS

Approved 1945
October 31, 1945
Date

1. FROM CE-Scandinavian Section, SI Requisitioning Officer or Desk

2. THRU: CHIEF (or Area Operations Officer) SI BRANCH, BY *W. H. Hays*

3. THRU: PERSONNEL OFFICER SI BRANCH, BY *Guest*

4. THRU: OSSTO--

5. NAME

HANS V. TOFTE

6. SERIAL NO.

0-525313

7. GRADE

Major

8. BRANCH OF SERVICE
(Inf., Eng., Ord., Etc.)

AUS

9. DATE OF BIRTH
(Essential)

4 April 1911

10. Physically Qualified for:

☐ Gen'l ☐ Lim. Overseas ☐ Lim. U.S.

11. OFFICIAL ARMY ADDRESS & ASSIGNMENT -- (Must be accurate and complete--if inductee, give Local Board No., Order No., and Board Address)
Que Building, Washington, D. C.

12. INTENDED ASSIGNMENT (Full job description essential) Overseas (specify, i.e. CBI, SEAC)
☒ U.S.

Head, Scandinavian Desk, Washington, D. C.

13. LANGUAGE FACILITY (Indicate degree of proficiency)

Danish, Norwegian, and German

14. NAME OF INTERVIEWER

(Date of Interview _____)

15. PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT
(SAIs) REQUESTED ☒ Yes ☐ No

16. SECURITY CHECK
OBTAINED ☒ Yes ☐ No

17. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF SUBJECT FOR INTENDED ASSIGNMENT: (if not sufficient space add Memo)

Operational experience in field and knowledge of
Scandinavian countries and languages.

18. ADDITION TO ALLOTMENT AUTHORIZED
For the Director Date _____

Sig. _____

19. APPROVED, OSS MILITARY PERSONNEL
BOARD. (Required, if Officer)

Sig. _____

Date _____

20. SECURITY OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

21. CONCURRENCE IN RELEASE GRANTED
BY _____

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Tofte, Hans Vilhelm
NAME

Major
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DATE OF RANK

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Temp aptd Capt AUS per Ltr AG 201-Tofte, Hans Vilhelm (14 June 43)
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Fr duty to lv 10 days pff o/a 7-3-43 per P 1 SO 148 Hq&Hq Det OSS
dtd 7-3-43.
Fr lv to duty, 7-14-43.
Reld fr duty OSS Wash. DC & asgd to station outside cont limits of US
per Ltr O AG 210.31(2 Aug 43) PO-A sub "Movement Orders" dtd 8-18-43.
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dtd 8-20-43.

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Fr dy to lv o/a 4-17-44, 15 days P 4 SO 86 Hq & Hq Det OSS dtd 4-12-44
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5-2-44

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Reld fr asgmt & dy OSS Wash DC & asgd to sta outside continental limit
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Travel Orders, Shipment IJ-900-HP ~~REM~~ Departed on DS 7-18-44

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☒ OFFICER

☐ ARMY NURSE

☐ WARRANT OFFICER

☐ ENLISTED MAN

☐ A.S.C.

☐ W.A.A.C.

Tofte

Hans

V

Captain, AUS

OSS Washington, DC

(LAST NAME)

(FIRST NAME)

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☐ 9 (OTHER)

PERMANENT OR LEGAL RESIDENCE:

Fla

(STATE)

Duval

(COUNTY)

Jacksonville

(CITY)

PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Mrs

Marlys

L

Tofte

Wife

ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED:

Milam McIlvaine & Milam

Jacksonville

Duval

Fla.

RELATIONSHIP

LOST OR MISLAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SHIPPED TO:

Mrs

Marlys

L

Tofte

Fla.

WHOSE ADDRESS

Milam McIlvaine & Milam

Jacksonville

Duval

Fla.

(STATE)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL:

Hans V. Tofte

DATE August 24, 1943

VERIFIED BY:

H. K. LENOCKER, 1st Lt., AGD

DATE August 24, 1943

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(MIDDLE INITIAL)

(GRADE)

(ORGANIZATION)

COMPONENT (CHECK ONE)

☐ 1 (REG. ARMY)

☐ 2 (RES.)

☐ 3 (R.A.R.)

☐ 4 (N.G.)

☒ 5 (A.U.S.)

☐ 6 (S.S.)

☐ 7

RACE (CHECK ONE)

☒ 1 (WHITE)

☐ 2 (COLORED)

☐ 3 (CHINESE)

☐ 4 (JAPANESE)

☐ 5 (HAWAIIAN)

☐ 6 (AMER. IND.)

☐ 7 (FILIPINO)

☐ 8 (P.R.)

☐ 9 (OTHER)

PERMANENT OR LEGAL RESIDENCE:

D. C.

(STATE)

(COUNTY)

Washington

(CITY)

PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Mr

Henrik

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

de Kauffmann

friend

ADDRESS OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED:

Royal Danish Legation, Washington, D. C.

(CITY)

(LAST NAME)

RELATIONSHIP

LOST OR MISLAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SHIPPED TO:

Mr

Henrik

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

de Kauffmann

(LAST NAME)

WHOSE ADDRESS IS:

Royal Danish Legation, Washington, D. C.

(CITY)

(MIDDLE INITIAL)

(STATE)

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL:

Hans V. Tofte

DATE 15 June 1943

VERIFIED BY:

DATE

DO NOT USE

STATE COUNTY

RACE COMP

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